

REMARKS

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action mailed March 15, 2005. Claims 1-31 are pending in the Application. Applicant has added two additional dependent claims. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and favorable action of all pending claims in view of the following remarks.

Specification:

The objection to the specification is moot in light of the cancellation of Claims 15-18. Although Applicant does not acquiesce to the rejection, these claims are cancelled to expedite prosecution.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102 and 103

The Office Action rejects Claims 1-9, 11, 15-19, 21, 24, 25, 28, 30 and 31 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated over U.S. Patent No. 5,892,901 to Landwehr et al. ("*Landwehr*"), rejects Claims 10, 20, and 27 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), as being unpatentable over *Landwehr* in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,185,616 to Namma et al ("*Namma*"), rejects Claims 12-14, 22, and 23 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Landwehr*, and further in view of *Namma* and U.S. Patent No. 6,249,681 to Virtanen ("*Virtanen*"), rejects Claim 26 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Landwehr* and further in view of *Virtanen*, rejects Claim 29 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Landwehr*, and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,495,480 to Yoshida ("*Yoshida*"), and rejects Claims 1-7 and 10-33 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Konaka, et al (U.S. Patent No. 6,256,742) ("*Konaka*").

Applicant respectfully traverses these rejections for the reasons discussed below.

Claim 1, as amended, is allowable at least because the cited references fail to teach or suggest the combination of "comparing the delay time interval to an activity associated with the system communicating with the network, the activity being any communication between the system and the network" and "isolating the communication module from the network

based on the comparison without terminating all power supplied to the communication module.”

The above rejections rely primarily on *Landwehr* and *Konaka*. *Landwehr* fails to disclose that the activity is “any communication between the system and the network.” It is noted that previously presented Claim 32 (now cancelled), which added this limitation to previously presented Claim 1, was not rejected in view of *Landwehr* under Section 102 or 103 and that *Landwehr* does not disclose this limitation. Rather, Claim 31 was rejected in view of *Konaka*. However, *Konaka* fails to disclose “isolating the communication module from the network based on the comparison without terminating all power supplied to the communication module,” which is now recited by Claim 1 as amended. As conceded in the Office Action, *Konaka* involves altering a “power on enable signal 203” to provide a power-off state. See column 8, lines 54-61. This is as expected in a patent having a title of “Information Processing Apparatus Having a Power Saving Function.” Applicant additionally notes that it would not be obvious to modify the patent entitled “Information Processing Apparatus Having a Power Saving Function” to allow isolating a communication module without termination of power.

In contrast, Claim 1, as amended, includes isolating the communication module from the network based on a comparison of activity between the network and the system without terminating all power to the communication module. For at least this reason, Claim 1 is allowable, as are the claims depending therefrom. In addition, all other pending claims are allowable for analogous reasons. Reconsideration and favorable action are requested.

CONCLUSION

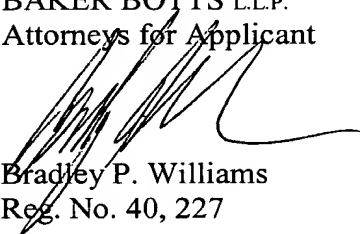
Applicant has now made an earnest attempt to place this case in condition for immediate allowance. For the foregoing reasons and for other apparent reasons, Applicant respectfully requests allowance of all pending claims.

If the Examiner feels that prosecution of the present Application may be advanced in any way by a telephone conference, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at 214-953-6447.

Applicant believes no fees are due. Nonetheless, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any other fees and/or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of Baker Botts L.L.P.

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